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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Report from Delaware Breakwater Quarantine Station, Del.—No further cases of smallpox among crew removed from steamship Oswestry.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Bahrenburg reports, January 2, as follows: The variola patient removed December 23, 1906, from the steamship *Oswestry* is making a good recovery, desquamation having already set in. The contacts are still free from suspicious symptoms. The period of detention for these contacts will expire on the 6th instant and unless cause for contrary action should occur they will be released on the 7th instant. (See Public Health Reports, January 4, 1907, p. 1.)

Report from Cumberland Sound Quarantine Station, Florida—Beriberi on bark Medbor from Yucatan—Vessel directed to proceed to South Atlantic Quarantine, Georgia.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Horsey reports as follows:

On December 30, 1906, I was informed that a vessel was at anchor about 4 miles outside of Fernandina bar, with distress signal flying. I found the vessel to be the Norwegian bark *Medbor*, of Grimstad, Norway, from Cuyo, Yucatan, with 8 men on board suffering from beriberi and 1 man dead from the same disease. On account of not having any facilities at this station for handling infectious disease, I notified the captain of the bark to proceed to South Atlantic Quarantine Station for medical attention to crew and disinfection of vessel.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Brinkley, at South Atlantic Quarantine Station, Ga., reports the arrival of the bark *Medbor* at the station, with 8 cases of beriberi on board. The crew are being cared for at the quarantine hospital.

Report from Vanceboro, Me.—Smallpox on Canadian border—Train inspection.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Young reports, December 31, as follows:

Week ended December 29, 1906. Inspected at this port 1,200 passengers from the maritime provinces. Of these 78 were vaccinated and the baggage of 10 was disinfected.

The sanitary conditions in the infected districts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia remain practically unchanged since my last report.